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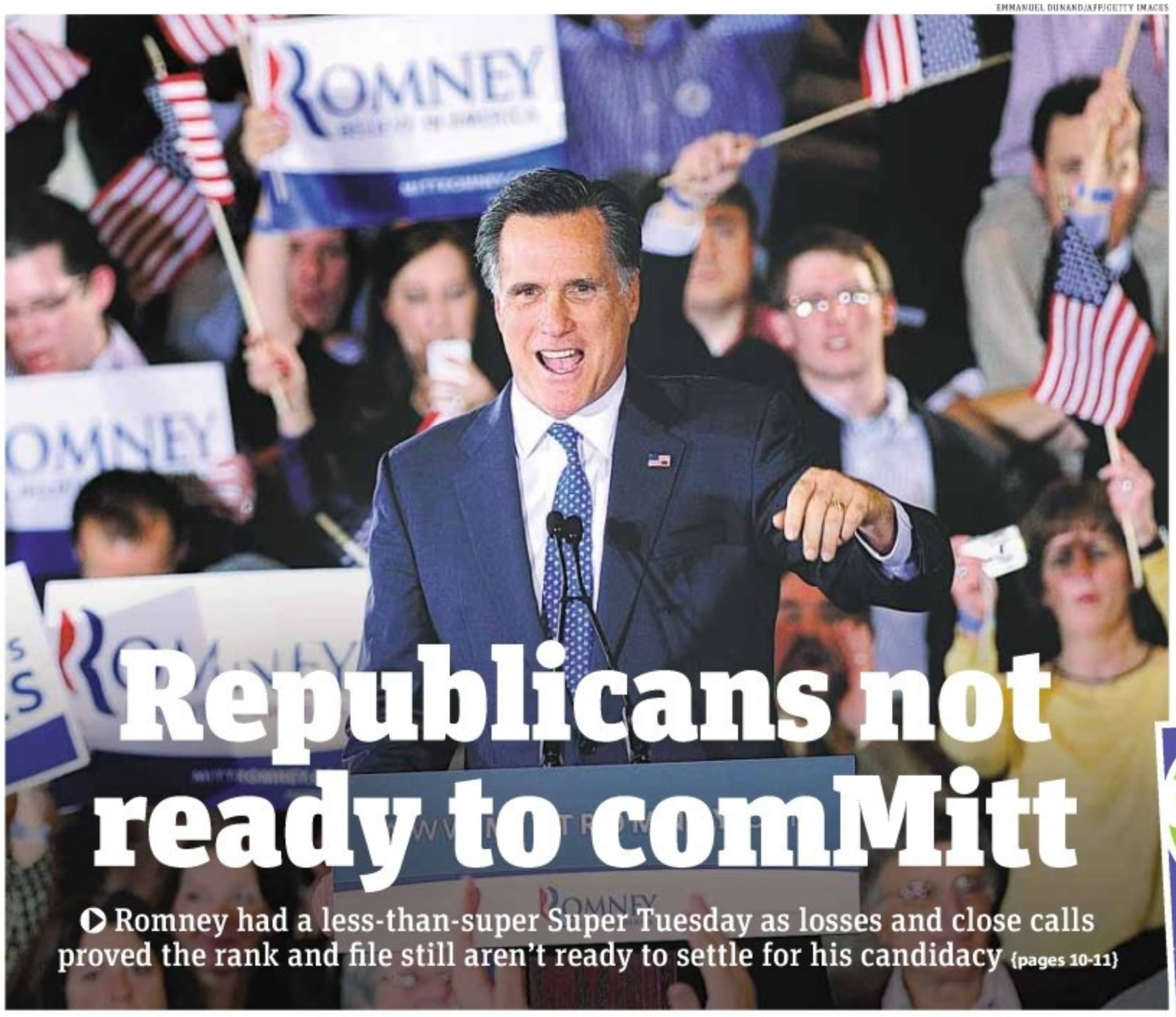

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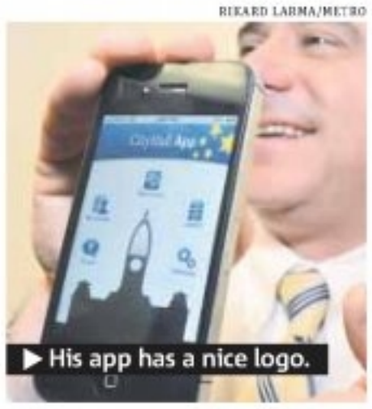

▶ His app has a nice logo.

No penalties for digital complaints — yet

When Councilman Bobby Henon took to the streets of his 6th District campaigning for his seat last year, he said "the most consistent complaints I heard were bad neighbors and landlords and that the people of the city of Philadelphia don't feel connected with their elected officials."

The feedback led to his "Bad Neighbor Initiative," which includes a "My Big Idea!" button on his website through which constituents suggest ideas and vote on others', sending the most popular to the top of the list. The app developed by Micah Mahjoubian, currently in beta mode, also allows users to track their complaint as it moves toward resolution and share it through Facebook and Twitter. It will officially launch next week, and Henon's office is looking at making it accessible to Android platforms and through text messages, as well.

Henon said the "Bad Neighbor" campaign is not intended to be punitive in nature — at least for now. "This is an amnesty and educational period," he said. "We're not just going to come out and punish people. We want landlords to be legal and educate people on what it means and what is expected of them as landlords and tenants." METRO/AW

In the news

Deer trapped in Kohl's dressing room

A deer became trapped in a Kohl's dressing room Monday night in Lansdale, Fox 29 reported yesterday. According to the report, the deer somehow triggered a sliding door for the handicapped and rushed into the store, then became agitated by its reflection in a dressing room mirror. Animal control reportedly removed the animal safely and without incident. METRO/AW

In the news

Pellet shooting

A seventh-grader at Henry A. Brown Academic Plus School in Kensington was arrested yesterday for allegedly shooting a classmate in the head with a pellet gun, officials said. The incident happened at the K-8 school located at Sergeant and Jasper streets. The victim, who has struck in the back of the head, was not seriously injured. METRO

▶ Texting equals tickets.

Texting ban will weaken city law

PHILADELPHIA. Pennsylvania's texting ban on motorists takes effect tomorrow, which will be a headache for suburban residents, but a minor relief for Philadelphia drivers.

The law makes texting while driving a primary offense, meaning you can be pulled over for the violation. The law, however, supercedes legislation in Philadelphia that prohibited use of handheld cell phones altogether.

The offense is punishable by a $50 fine. METRO

Hearing on gun laws

PHILADELPHIA. City Council's Public Safety Committee, chaired by Councilman Curtis Jones Jr., will meet today to examine the correlation between bail set in gun possession cases and subsequent gun crimes.

The committee's broad review will also include the current criteria used to set bail in gun possession and other firearm charges, the effectiveness of bail conditions, demographic and geographic reporting of illegal gun cases and their budgetary implications. METRO/AW

With Del. riverfront plan adopted, hard part ahead

◗ Private interests say it's too far-reaching, lacks funding support ◗ Plan for six-mile stretch took years to develop ◗ City must work with developers

After years of crafting, the master plan for a six-mile stretch of the Delaware River waterfront was adopted by a unanimous vote yesterday from the city's Planning Commission.

The plan calls for creating a network of parks and trails to encourage pedestrian access and leverage private investment between Allegheny and Oregon avenues over the next 25 years. It also identifies land uses that would make the corridor a prime attraction for residents and tourists.

When considering future development, the Planning Commission will be required to see how the proposed development fits in with the master plan, although it is not bound by the plan, which was commissioned by the Delaware River Waterfront Corp.

Some developers objected to the plan, insisting it relies on city funding that has yet to be allocated or would infringe on privately owned land or looks too far out, but commissioners said the plan appropriately lays out a vision — something the waterfront has long been missing.

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▶ Turning the central Delaware riverfront into a vibrant stretch for the city will require years of work.

"I think that one of the strengths of this plan is the fact that it is incremental, it does allow multiple steps, time along the way to make it more perfect as it is implemented, so I think it's a terrific plan — not perfect — really terrific," said commissioner Nancy Rogo Trainer.

The plan is divided into near-term, midterm and long-term proposals. Some of the public improvements have already been completed, including the Race Street Pier, Washington Avenue Green and a trail between Pier 70 and Washington Avenue.

The total price tag for the public improvements included in the plan is $750 million. DRWC executive director Tom Corcoran said the organization is not simply relying on city funding, citing a state grant and charitable donation DRWC recently received to purchase several parcels.

"It's going to be a combination of federal, state, local programmatic dollars, as well as these types of innovative financing techniques," Corcoran said.

Privately held problems

Some challenges that remain for the master plan:

- **Land acquisition:** Nearly 90 percent of the land along the central Delaware is privately-owned, so DRWC must negotiate purchases and right-of-way leases for some of the parks and trails it has planned.
- **Capital markets:** Due to the uncertainty of financing for developers, it is hard to say whether some of the land uses envisioned will ultimately develop.
- **Public funding:** The $750 million needed for all of the public improvements is no small thing, but DRWC points out, that is spread out over decades, making it more achievable.

Behind the plan

The master plan was led by urban design firm Cooper Robertson & Partners, and incorporated goals and objectives set forth by community members during several public forums organized by PennPraxis.

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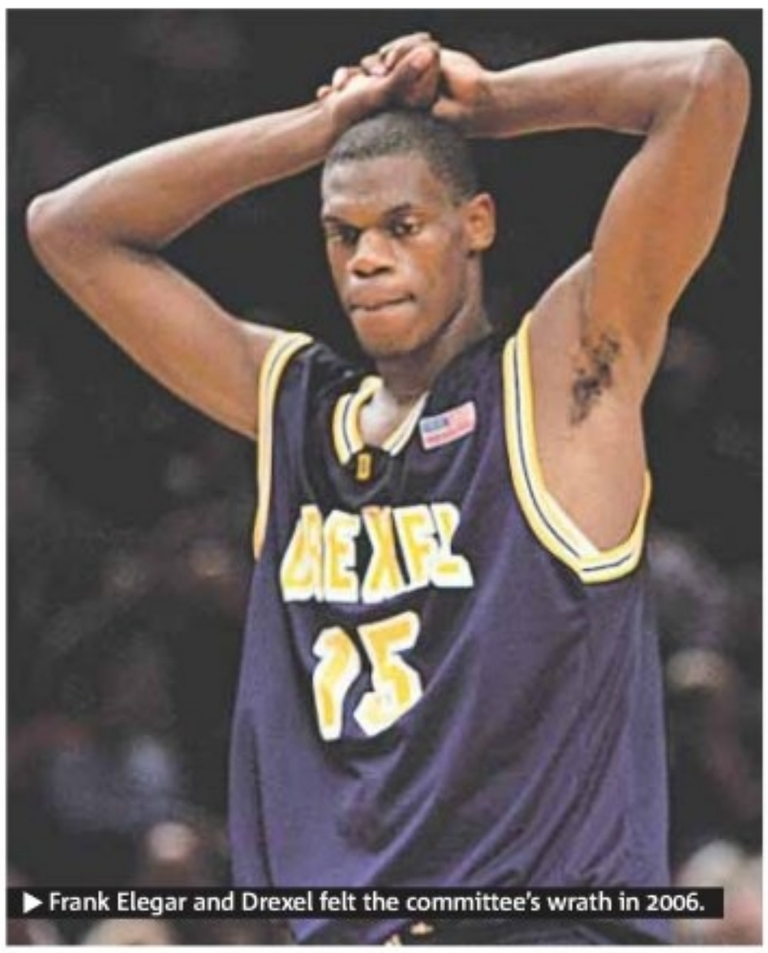
Uneasy feeling around Drexel campus again


▶ Frank Elegar and Drexel felt the committee's wrath in 2006.

Frank Elegar remembers watching the NCAA tournament selection show. He kept waiting to see the name Drexel appear on television. But the name never popped up.

After 23 victories and 13 on the road — including wins at Syracuse, Villanova and Creighton — the Dragons were snubbed by the tournament committee in 2006-07. Five years later, it still hurts.

"For me, it was maybe one of the worst feelings I ever felt as a player waiting around and the cameras are on you the whole time," Elegar recalled from Turkey, where he is playing professionally. "We thought we were in back in '07, and just thought what region and seed they were going to place us.

"We saw two fellow CAA teams get in and my nerves were uneasy because I had the worst feeling in the bottom of my stomach that we weren't going to get in when I saw Old Dominion get in over us. I honestly cried that night and was not looking for another NIT trip."

Elegar averaged 16.3 points as a junior, but had to settle for an NIT berth and eventual loss to N.C. State. Drexel hasn't been invited to the Big Dance since 1996.

Fast forward to 2011-12 and the Dragons are in the same predicament as Elegar's team. They had a 19-game winning streak snapped Monday night and fell 59-56 to VCU in the title game of the CAA tournament. Now, they must wait for Sunday's selection show.

Since the NCAA expanded the tournament field to 64 teams in '85, only one team has won at least 27 games and not been invited — that was Coastal Carolina in 2010.

The Dragons are 27-6.

"Hopefully, the committee looks at the fact we have been rolling the last two months and we are probably the hottest team in America that no one has been talking about besides Dick Vitale," Elegar said. "The level Bru [coach Bruiser Flint] has these guys playing at is incredible, so regardless if they are in or out, it was a special year for them because not everyone goes to the conference championship or wins 19 in a row or even sees postseason action."

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Drexel passes eye test, but is that enough?

Drexel's loss to VCU Monday night may have sealed their NCAA tournament — again.

The Dragons (27-6) have only lost two games since Dec. 3. They also beat five 20-win teams. However, they have just one win versus the RPI Top 50 and three versus teams ranked between 51 and 100. Drexel's strength of schedule is a dismal 251.

Joe Lunardi, the famed ESPN bracketologist and St. Joseph's alum, has Drexel in the Big Dance.

Drexel was listed as one of his "Last Four In" yesterday, joining Northwestern, Seton Hall and Xavier. Lunardi has the Dragons in the South Bracket competing in a play-in game versus Northwestern.

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NJ's first black congressman dies

U.S. Rep. Donald Payne, New Jersey's first black congressman, died yesterday due to complications from colon cancer.

Payne, 77, a former public school teacher, was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1988. He served on the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

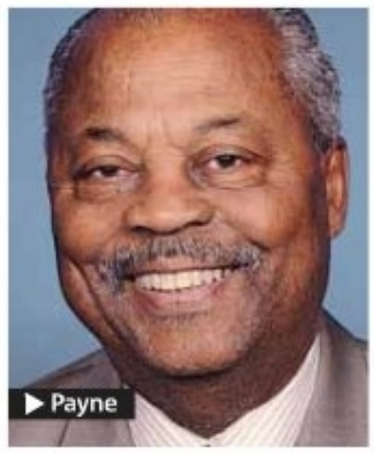
Payne, a former president of the national YMCA, served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

He was the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights, once coming under gunfire from rebels as his plane departed Somalia's capital Mogadishu after a meeting with the African nation's leaders.

Born in Newark, N.J., Payne was a widower with three adult children, including his son Donald Payne Jr., president of the Newark Municipal Council.

Payne went public with his illness in February and was transported Friday to New Jersey from Washington, D.C., his brother said.

Funeral services were scheduled for next week in Newark. **REUTERS**


▶ Payne

Who is pilfering city pay phones?

When an entire pay phone was stolen in Point Breeze last week, it was strange. But stranger still, the detective in charge of the case said the incident is not isolated and even affects a New York company.

The Coatesville-based company that owns the stolen phone, National Electric and Telephone, also recently had a phone stolen in West Philadelphia near the zoo, Detective Joe Didek said.

A New York City-based pay phone company recently contacted National Electric and Telephone to discuss a rash of their own pay phones that had been stolen in Philadelphia, National Electric allegedly told Didek.

Didek said that National Electric and Telephone will show the surveillance footage released by police to their trade organization in order to investigate the possibility that an employee from another pay phone company may have stolen the phone for parts.

"That's something we thought about because they are expensive phones," Didek said.

A source familiar with the trade said that, while the phones themselves are not particularly profitable and do not often contain much cash revenue in their coin boxes, their motherboards are costly. It is not unheard of for private companies to steal a pay phone from a competitor and use their guts to create a new phone, the source said.

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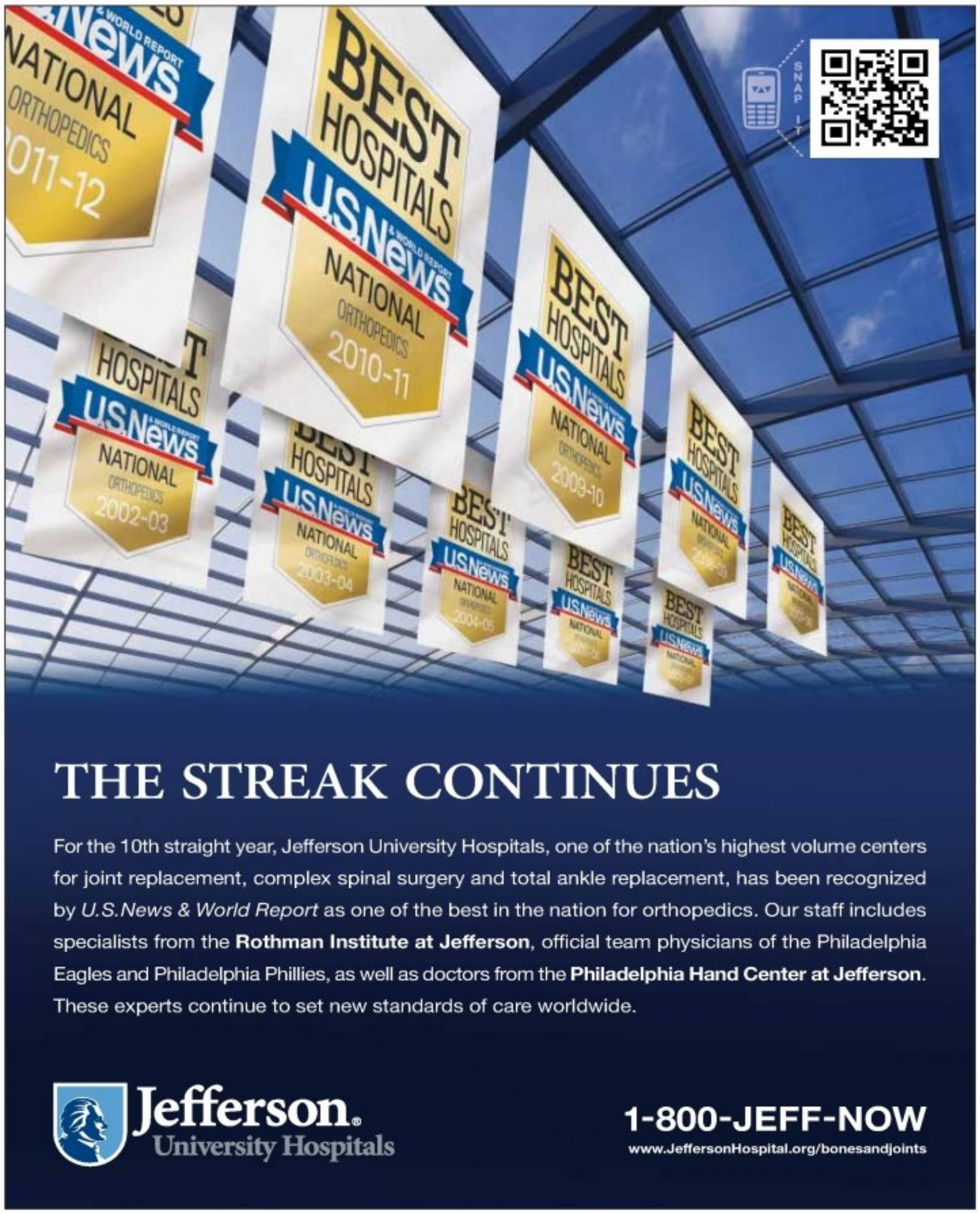
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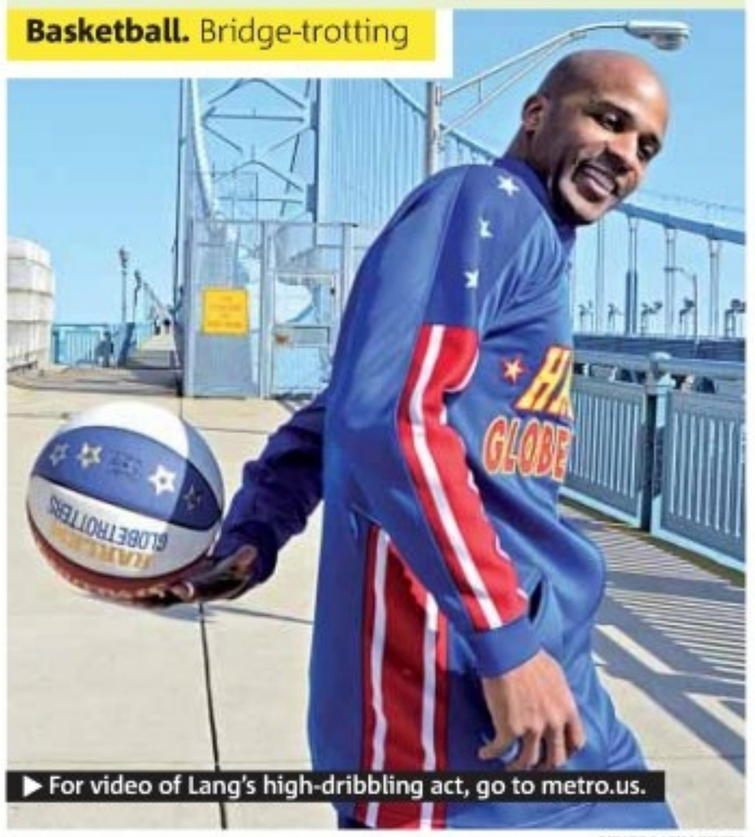

▶ For video of Lang's high-dribbling act, go to metro.us.

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But can he take Big Ben 1-on-1?

Harlem Globetrotters player Herbert "Flight Time" Lang chose a unique way to cross the Ben Franklin Bridge yesterday, dribbling and spinning a basketball across the 7,920-foot span. The event was to promote five upcoming games in the area from March 9-11. METRO

Stabbing inside Big Bang bar hurts four

Police are investigating a stabbing rampage inside a Center City bar that hospitalized four early this morning.

A fight broke out inside Big Bang's Bar & Grill at 1433 Arch St. around 1:42 a.m. when an unknown black man pulled out a knife and stabbed four people, police said.

Three male patrons, aged 26, 23 and 24, were stabbed in the back and a security guard, 24, was stabbed in the hand, police said. All are stable at Hahnemann Hospital and at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

There is no word on what sparked the fight. The bar, described by Yelp reviewers as a gathering place for "blue collar workers from neighboring municipal buildings," is currently closed as police investigate.

This is not the first time there have been complaints about the spot — neighbor messages on Everyblock complained of noise and crime associated with the location. "I was awaken [sic] by screaming and fighting going on outside of this trashy place ... Not unusual."

"The two dozen police cars and vans that arrived on scene upped the ante. Enough is enough!! That place needs to be shut down. It is nothing but thugs, drugs and mayhem," one reviewer wrote Feb. 5.

"Constant fighting and at least one pile of vomit on the sidewalk each morning. The patrons hang out under the eaves of Old Nelson and smoke pot and harrass [sic] people," a user with the same name posted Aug. 25.

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Big Bang related to fatal crash

The name of the establishment also came up during an investigation of a hit-and-run that killed two prominent members of the Asian-American community in 2010.

The two men in the striking car were believed to have been at Big Bang's before they T-boned a Toyota at 16th and Vine streets, then fled the scene in a third vehicle occupied by two other men, according to investigators. Police said at the time that the four men may have been drag racing. METRO/AW

RICARD LARMA/METRO

▶ An attacker slashed his way through this crowded bar.

From capsized canoe to slammer

DELAWARE. A man was arrested Friday for burglarizing a home after falling out of a stolen canoe, state police said.

Matthew Bullen, 20, of Fenwick Island and Nicholas Townsend, 23, of Ocean City, Md., fell from a canoe when it tipped over in Assawoman Bay around 4 a.m. Friday, police said. Detectives later determined the canoe was stolen

from a home on the 38000 block of Monroe Avenue.

Bullen was able to swim to shore, where he allegedly used a brick to smash the window of a home on the 38000 block of Roosevelt Avenue in Selbyville. He then entered and changed into dry clothes before going home, police said. It is unclear if anything else was taken.

Bullen is charged with burglary, theft and related offenses. He was jailed in lieu of bail.

An unsuccessful U.S. Coast Guard search for Townsend was called off at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Authorities are continuing to investigate.

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UN gets Syria hospital torture video

GENEVA. The United Nations has footage similar to a video aired by Britain's Channel 4 television station purporting to show Syrian patients being tortured in hospital, U.N. human rights spokesman Rupert Colville said yesterday. "The High Commissioner was sent this footage by Channel 4 yesterday. In fact, we have some similar footage," Colville, spokesman for U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, said. "It may even be the same footage which was sent to the commission of inquiry on Syria," Colville told a news briefing. "The pictures are truly shocking." **REUTERS**

Panetta: US will attack Iran only as a last resort

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta vowed yesterday that the United States would take military action to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon if diplomacy fails.

"Military action is the last alternative when all else fails," he told an annual policy conference of the biggest U.S. pro-Israel lobbying group, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "But make no mistake, when all else fails, we will act."

Just before Panetta spoke, three Republicans seeking their party's nomination to run against President Barack Obama in the Nov. 6 election practically outbid each other in showing their support for the Jewish state before the same audience.

The front-runner in the Republican contest, Mitt Romney, accused Obama of being soft on Iran in a videocast to the AIPAC conference. **REUTERS**

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Anonymous leader 'was an FBI informer'

Six suspected leaders of the international hacking organization known as Anonymous were charged by U.S. authorities of computer crimes, dealing a major blow to the loose-knit group that has wreaked havoc on the websites of government agencies and major corporations.

Among those charged was Hector Xavier Monsegur, known as "Sabu," who took responsibility for attacks on the websites of eBay's PayPal, MasterCard Inc. and Visa Inc. between December 2010 and June 2011, according to federal prosecutors and the FBI. The attacks were in retaliation for the refusal of those companies to process donations to WikiLeaks, the group that leaked confidential diplomatic cables in 2010.

The charges against Monsegur, in a case that was opened last summer, were filed in federal court in New York via a criminal information. Such a document typically means a suspect has been cooperating with the government. **REUTERS**

Women allege rape, retaliation in military

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▶ The Defense Department has increased funding for investigators and judges to get training in sexual assault cases and is putting together a database to track cases.

Eight current and former female members of the U.S. military allege in a lawsuit they were raped, assaulted or sexually harassed while in the military and were retaliated against when they complained.

The suit filed yesterday in U.S. District Court in Washington is the latest to allege widespread sexual violence in the world's most powerful military. It comes less than two months after Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced new steps to curb thousands of sexual assaults a year.

The lawsuit accuses military leaders of having a "high tolerance for sexual predators in their ranks" and failing to take steps to deal with the problem despite avowals to do so.

The eight women include a Marine on active duty and seven veterans of the Marine Corps and Navy. Seven allege a fellow service member raped or tried to sexually assault them, and an eighth said she was harassed while deployed in Iraq.

"No one should have to submit to being raped to be able to serve."
BURKE

Defendants include Panetta and former and current Defense and Navy secretaries and Marine Corps commandants.

"No one should have to submit to being raped to be able to serve," Susan Burke, the women's attorney, said on the margins of a news conference.

Cynthia Smith, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said in a statement it would be inappropriate to comment on pending litigation but that sexual assault had no place in the Defense Department. **REUTERS**

Her story

One of the women, Ariana Klay, alleged she was raped by a senior Marine Corps officer and his civilian friend in August 2010 at her residence near the Marine barracks in Washington.

Harassment and retaliation from her superiors after reporting the rape led her to attempt suicide, the suit said. One of the accused rapists was court-martialed and convicted of adultery and indecent language.

Klay, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and an Iraq veteran, had complained of harassment and abuse before the attack. She had requested a transfer to Afghanistan to escape it but was turned down, the suit said. **REUTERS**

$1M reward for missing FBI agent

WASHINGTON. The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday offered a rare $1 million reward for information leading to the safe return of its former agent Robert Levinson, who vanished in Iran in 2007 and is believed to be held hostage in the area.

The FBI made the announcement almost five years after Levinson, a former FBI special agent, disappeared from Kish Island in Iran while on a business trip. Iran's government has said previously it has no information about his whereabouts.

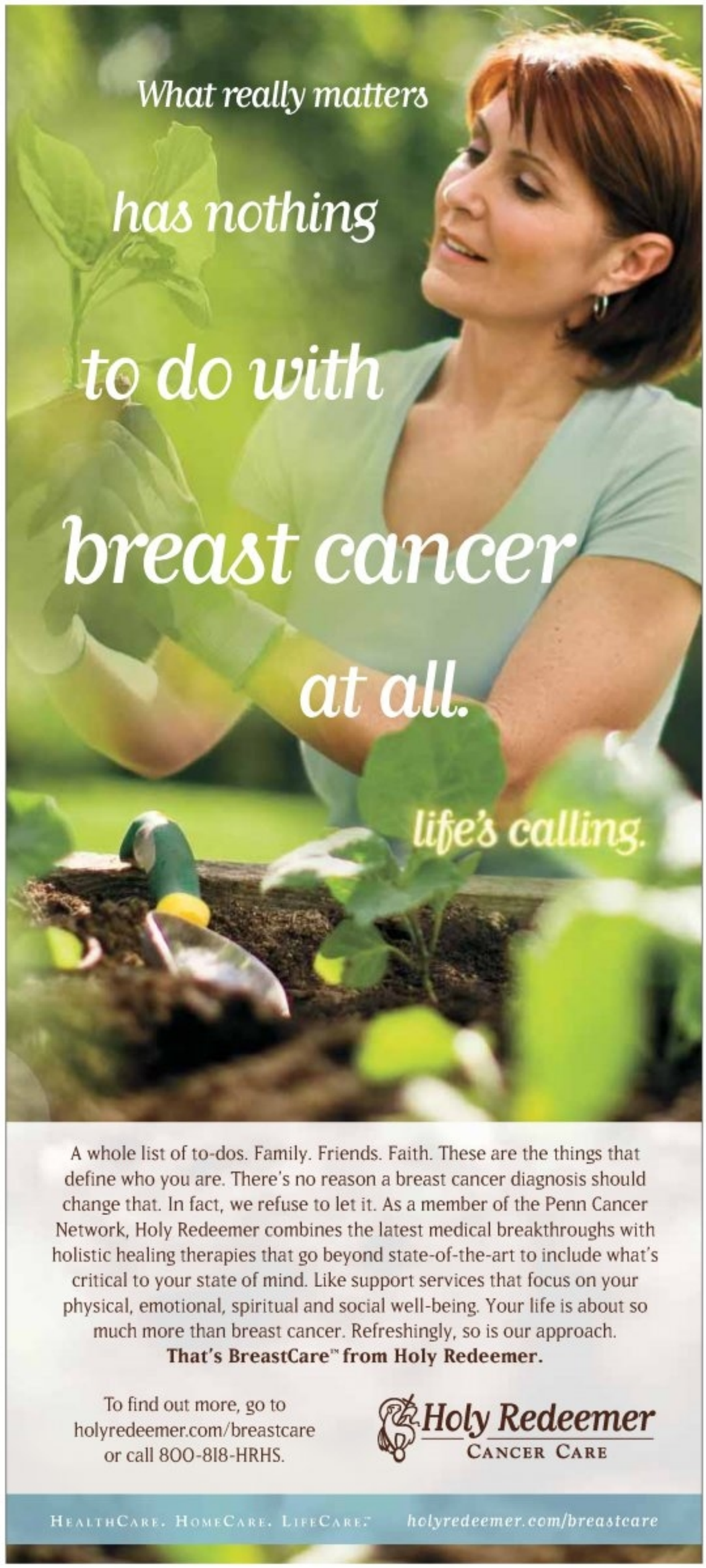
"While we believe Bob is alive, we are concerned about his health," said James McJunkin, head of the FBI's Washington field office. "I hope this reward encourages anyone with information — no matter how insignificant they may think it is — to come forward ... it may be the clue we need." **REUTERS**

Wife killed by home cannon

SAN DIEGO. A man's homemade cannon killed his wife when the contraption suddenly went off early yesterday and tore into the couple's home in the California border town of Potrero, authorities said.

The man had been drinking and was "freaking out" when emergency responders arrived at the home, said a dispatcher with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The woman killed was 33 years old. **REUTERS**



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Social media drives effort to force Limbaugh off airwaves

Rush Limbaugh faced rising pressure from critics who are using new media to keep advertisers away from his long-running radio show.

At least 10 companies, including online publisher AOL Inc., have dropped the most-popular U.S. talk-radio show after Limbaugh called Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke a "prostitute" and a "slut." Fluke appeared before Congress on Feb. 23 to speak in favor of President Barack Obama's policy requiring insurers to provide birth control to women.

Much of the pressure on advertisers has come from online activists using Twitter and Facebook to mobilize against Limbaugh. They see undermining the program's economic viability as the way to force distributor Clear Channel Communications Inc.'s Premiere Radio Networks to stop syndicating the show.

"The tactic of just asking advertisers has been a very successful one," said Krystal Ball, a 30-year-old MSNBC commentator who started a website called Boycottrush.org. "So as long as that is successful, we'll continue."

Ball, a Democrat, ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2010. The campaign targeting Limbaugh is led by groups like Media Matters for America and the Ohio Democratic Party. **BLOOMBERG**

Netflix: Ignore our ads on Limbaugh

Anyone listening to Rush Limbaugh's radio broadcast on yesterday may have been surprised to hear an advertisement from Netflix.

But according to Netflix spokesman Steve Swasey, the company has no formal advertising relationship with Rush Limbaugh's show — and those ads that aired "were picked up in error." Netflix is making sure that its ads do not air again during Limbaugh's show. **MAINSTREET.COM**

Racial divide runs deep in US schools says study

Black and Latino students across the United States are far more likely to be suspended than white students — and far less likely to have access to rigorous college-prep courses, according to a sweeping study released yesterday by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

The trove of data, collected from 72,000 schools serving 85 percent of the nation's students, revealed tremendous disparities in the public school experiences of minority and white students.

Some of the most striking findings involved discipline: one in five African-American boys — and one in 10 African-American girls — was suspended from school during the study period in the 2009-10 school year. **REUTERS**

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Romney underperforms, Santorum overperforms, but nomination not sewn up just yet
Conservative voice Michael Kan on why Republicans need to settle for Romney in one word: Obama

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Big day, little change

▶ Shirley Cagle leaves a polling station after she voted at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs, Ga. The religious vote was strong yesterday.

The feed ...

▶ Political analysis in 140 characters or fewer.

@rickklein
Bold prediction: If Gingrich can find 20 other states where he served in Congress for 2 decades, he will be the nominee.

@joanwalsh
In GA, Mass, TN and Ohio, only 1 in 10 voters were younger than 30. ... Can you say "demographic extinction?"

@steveweinstein
So GOP always knew Mitt would be the nominee from the get go. They just wanted to make him unelectable first.

@pareene
Skittish Romney campaign blankets Midwest with anti-Peyton Manning ads

@bmcquillen
I have not considered any Tuesday to be Super since ABC cancelled Perfect Strangers

@BorowitzReport
New Romney Slogan: "Come On, Folks, It's Time to Settle"

Mitt Romney claimed a decidedly lukewarm victory in the nation's Super Tuesday contests yesterday, winning some states but ultimately failing to seal the deal with voters. The former Massachusetts governor — who was leading in estimated delegate counts going into the big 10-state competition — scored a few points, but upsets in Tennessee and Oklahoma, plus a nail-biter in Ohio, threaten to extend the campaign until the August convention.

Romney won the most obvious contests: in Massachusetts, where he served as a moderate governor, for example, and in Virginia, where only he and Ron Paul were on ballots due to the other candidates' organizational failures. But a closer-than-expected win in the Old Dominion and a too-close-to-call race with Rick Santorum in Ohio underscored the difficulty the Romney camp has had in definitively ending the damaging competition.

In Ohio, a key battleground state and one of the most closely watched contests yesterday, Romney picked up delegates but lost the intangible sense of his inevitability. The results were unclear as of press time,

51%

"A lot more Ohio Republicans say Romney is most electable (51%) than voted for Romney today. #exitpoll"

@ARIMELBER, ON TWITTER

but a strong victory would have sent a message that conservatives were ready to board the battered bandwagon. What he got instead says that Republican voters remain unwilling to commit to the candidate seen by many as the most likely to best President Obama in November — but one who is also seen as the most moderate of the four GOP candidates.

None of which deterred Romney's characteristic enthusiasm, however. "This is a process of gathering enough delegates to become the nominee," he said blandly yesterday, "and I think we're on track to have that happen."

Voters, on the other hand, were not all quite as certain. "I'm not really thrilled with any of them, so I just figured I'd vote for Ron Paul," said Ohio voter Tim Kell, 50. "I just think with everything — with all the TV commercials and all the phone calls and everything ... I think it's crazy. Nobody seems to run on their own merit."

(Ad spending has been a major component of the 2012 race, with candidates and associated groups spending nearly $10 million on TV and radio ads for Super Tuesday alone.)

For his part, Newt Gingrich won his adopted state of Georgia, a widely predicted outcome but one that makes things more difficult for his fellow not-Romney candidate, Santorum. In this way, Romney gets a small win despite losing — the promise of continued vote-splitting among the two candidates billed as being more conservative benefits the current delegate leader.

Rep. Ron Paul claimed no victories.

The day's results hold significance, with nearly 20 percent of Republican convention delegates at stake. A candidate needs 1,144 delegates to win the nomination; some 419 were up for grabs yesterday.

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Get smitten for Mittens

Mitt Romney is the one you've always had around, your Plan B, the one you fear to settle on; but not "the one." That is, unless the others break your heart, or maybe you've just run out of time.

For eight months, fickle GOP voters speed-dated six candidates. Trump, Bachmann, Perry, Cain, Gingrich, and now Santorum charmed and crashed faster than a Kim Kardashian marriage. For some strange reason, lunar colonies and banning contraception got no love from voters. And now, after Super Tuesday's results, the party seems settled on taking Mr. Romney to the ball, but with flip-flops rather than glass slippers.

Everyone wants to be smitten, no one likes to settle. But voters wisely showed yesterday that they are tired of the drama in the dating game. Few would dispute that this drawn-out primary process has at least temporarily hurt the Republican brand. No current GOP candidate garners a favorability rating above 40 percent in any recent poll, while President Obama's job approval stands at 48 percent in the Real Clear Politics average. Even if it means settling on an imperfect candidate in Gov. Romney, it is imperative that our attention now be focused squarely on Obama.

Mr. Right

MICHAEL KAN
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"Maybe 'settling' isn't such a bad word?"

Republicans should begin crafting a narrative that concentrates on the president's economic failures. If the unemployment rate continues its downward trend, Romney will need more to win than just being America's job-creating CEO. For all his policy failings, Obama is still likeable, serenading us with Al Green while Romney was screeching "America the Beautiful."

Romney should turn off the karaoke mic and focus on two issues: the $15.5 trillion debt and inflation — at the gas pump and the grocery store, where Americans feel rising prices the most.

With his stiff personality, Romney will never win over the majority of Americans, but he can win on competence, having balanced budgets his entire career. Maybe "settling" isn't such a bad word?

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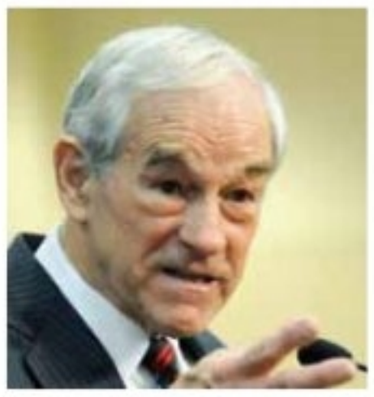
*(AS REPORTED AT TIME OF PUBLICATION)

State by state results*

STATES

Ten states voted yesterday, though keen readers will note only nine appear below. This is due to the effect time zones will play on election tally reports — the results from Alaska, located far to the West of most other states, won't be available until some time today. (Results from Idaho and North Dakota, among others, won't be complete.) Of the 10 participating states, seven held primaries — which are like a general election, where voters cast secret ballots on their own schedule — and three held caucuses — which generally involve more voter interaction, with face-to-face voting often following a public debate. Metro presents the most up-to-date voter tallies available to us as of press time, with explanations of each state below.

STATES		ROMNEY	SANTORUM	GINGRICH	PAUL
					
Georgia	Georgia held a primary, with 76 delegates at stake. Gingrich, who represented the state for 20 years in Congress, pinned his campaign hopes to a win here.	26%	20%	**47%** (WITH 95 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	7%
Idaho	Idaho held a caucus, with 32 delegates at stake. It has been estimated that Mormon voters made up about a third of caucusgoers, a boon for Romney.	**75%** (WITH 56 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	9%	3%	12%
Massachusetts	Massachusetts held a primary, with 41 delegates at stake awarded on a proportional basis. Romney, a former state governor, was widely favored to win.	**72%** (WITH 96 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	12%	5%	10%
North Dakota	North Dakota held a caucus yesterday, with 28 delegates at stake. Political analysts saw the state as the one most likely to be won by Ron Paul.	24%	**40%** (WITH 99 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	9%	27%
Ohio	Ohio held a primary, with a 66 delegates at stake — awarded proportionally. Santorum is at a delegate disadvantage, having failed to qualify in some districts.	**38%**	37% (WITH 90 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	15%	9%
Oklahoma	Oklahoma held a primary, with 43 proportionally allocated delegates at stake. A win of more than 50 percent would have given Santorum all of them.	28%	**34%** (WITH 95 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	27%	10%
Tennessee	Tennessee held a primary, with 58 delegates at stake, to be awarded proportionally. Evangelicals were expected to hold sway in the Southern state.	28%	**37%** (WITH 91 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	24%	9%
Vermont	Vermont held a primary, with 17 delegates at stake, to be awarded proportionally. The solidly Democratic state has historically supported moderate Republicans.	**40%** (WITH 72 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	23%	8%	25%
Virginia	Only two candidates made the ballot for Virginia's primary, with 46 delegates. Since Romney took more than 50 percent of votes he will take most, if not all, of them.	**59%** (WITH 100 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING)	N/A	N/A	41%

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Tila Tequila: Just what happened to the star?

Was **Tila Tequila**'s recent hospitalization due to a brain aneurysm, a drug overdose or a suicide attempt? Whatever the reason, the former reality star is all kinds of WTF.

Radar Online is saying that a brain aneurysm made her "think irrationally" and ingest "two bottles of unspecified heavy-prescription drugs."

"Tila threw up all over her bed after overdosing and felt like she was dying. She was screaming for help, and in desperation broke her bedroom window and attempted to jump out," a source says. "A friend came over after getting a strange text from her and found her convulsing on the bed. He called an ambulance."

▶ It's always the demure ones.

Tequila was apparently treated at two different hospitals in a week's span, but she's not out of the woods yet. "She still can't fully speak properly," the source says. "It's sad to think she may have some permanent brain damage." But TMZ.com says all caused by a suicide attempt and that she'd been trying "kill herself all week" per a source.

We've said it once, we'll say it a million times: Mamas, don't let your daughters grow up to be reality TV stars.

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Neil Patrick Harris wishes it were a joke and Diablo Cody is reconsidering a classic.

@ActuallyNPH
That Kirk Cameron is hilarious!

@diablocody
Just listened to "Come Undone" by Duran Duran in the car. Sexiest thing I had ever heard in junior high.

Iglesias won't put a ring on it

Enrique Iglesias has been happy with girlfriend **Anna Kournikova** for more than a decade — but don't expect him to put a ring on it.

"I don't think you love someone more because of a piece of paper," he tells Parade about marriage. "It's not taboo to have kids and not be married. What makes a difference is that you're a good parent, period."

Celeb spotting

▶ Prince Harry and Usain Bolt: Stayin' alive!

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry says: Thataway!

Prince Harry poses with Olympian Usain Bolt at the Usain Bolt Track at the University of the West Indies on Tuesday in Kingston, Jamaica. Prince Harry is in Jamaica as part of a Diamond Jubilee Tour representing Queen Elizabeth II. He's taking in Belize, the Bahamas, Jamaica and Brazil.

Talking points

A 'Growing Pains' reaction

Former "Growing Pains" star **Kirk Cameron** told CNN's Piers Morgan that being gay is "unnatural," "detrimental" and "ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization," and his remarks have earned him a lot of flack. His former co-star **Tracy Gold** tweeted, "I am a strong supporter of the LGBT Community, and I believe in equal rights for all," while **Alan Thicke**, who played Cameron and Gold's father on "Growing Pains," posted, "I'm getting him some new books. The Old Testament can't explain everything."

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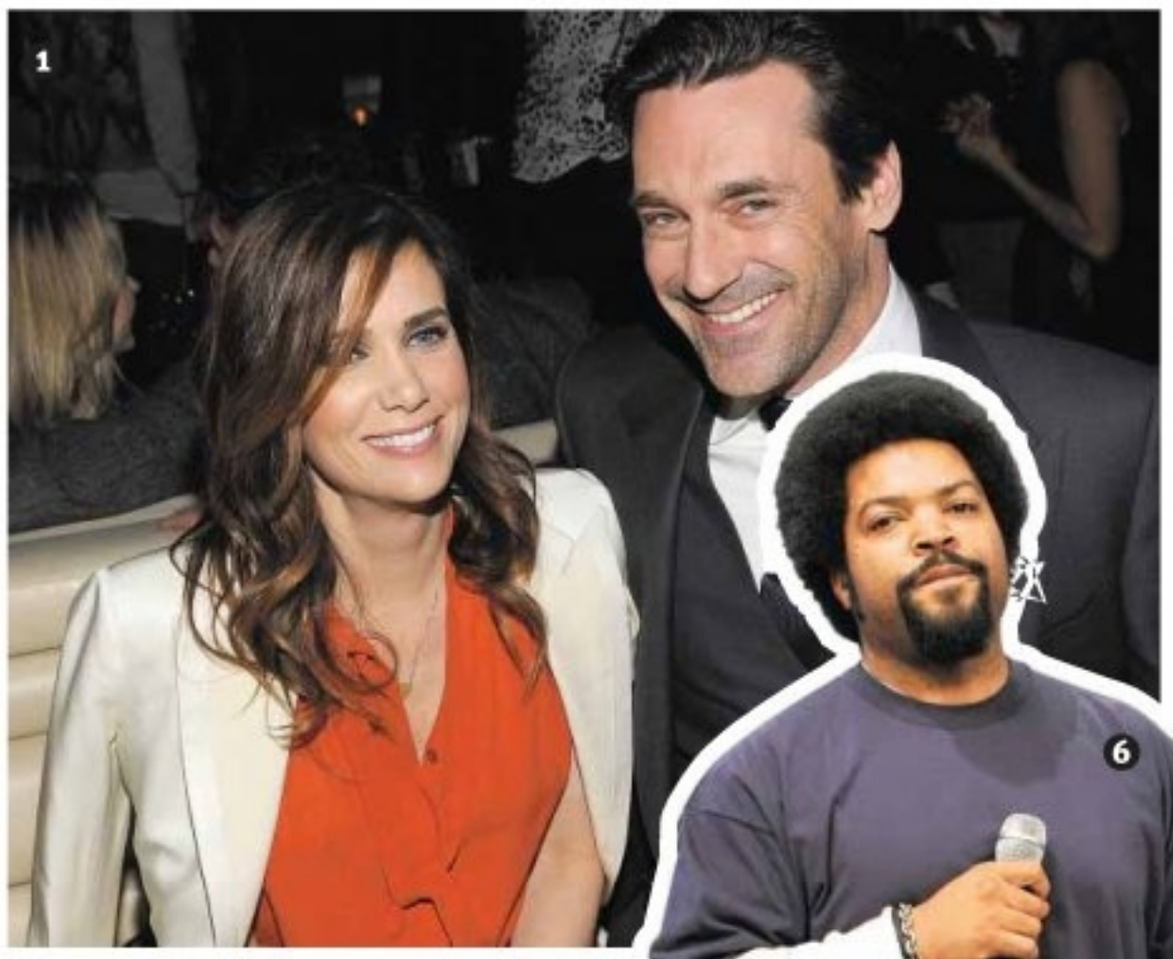

1. Kristen Wiig and Jon Hamm attended the after-party for their new film "Friends With Kids" at the The Top of The Standard on Monday in New York City.

2. Alicia Keys arrived at the Chanel Ready-To-Wear Fall/Winter 2012 show as part of Paris Fashion Week at Grand Palais on Tuesday in Paris, France.

3. Elizabeth Berkley was spotted sporting her baby bump on Monday Los Angeles. Berkley announced her pregnancy yesterday, saying, "In life there are moments you cherish forever and this is one of them. We are so excited to share this moment and special news! The baby is due this summer."

4. Mena Suvari at the "American Pie: Reunion" photo call on Tuesday in Sydney, Australia.

5. Dizzee Rascal got into the ring for Coca-Cola's London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games ticket promotion at The Boxing Gym on Tuesday in London, England.

6. Ice Cube visited BET's "106 & Park" at BET Studios on Monday in New York City.

7. Paul McCartney and wife Nancy Shevell attended the Stella McCartney Fall/Winter 2012 show as part of Paris Fashion Week on Monday.

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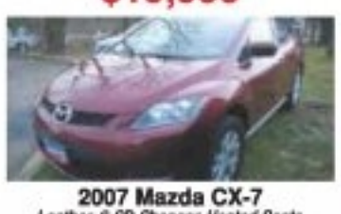
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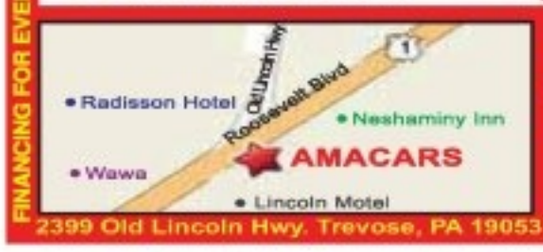

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True 'Thug Motivation'

If fans 'know what getting up early in the morning to go after a dream is like,' Young Jeezy can relate

Can a former hustler who sells motivational speeches from the 'hood perspective survive without reality show-level media hijinks or social media oversharing? If the former hustler in question is Young Jeezy, that would be a yes. The rapper stands out in a world where some MCs and video vixens wear the same pants.

The third and final chapter of the Atlanta MC's series is "Thug Motivation 103: Hustlerz Ambition." The album reached No. 3 on the Billboard 200 charts this past December and was certified gold by January. His fans waited nearly two years for it, and it goes to show that Jeezy's brand of hardcore has not gone unmissed by his cultlike fan base. That relationship is one which Jeezy seems to appreciate and understand.

"We just have that connection," he says. "A lot of people aren't from the streets or from the trap, but they know what grinding is all about. They know what getting up early in the morning to go after a dream is like."

With high-profile guests like T.I., Andre 3000, Ne-Yo, Fabolous, Jill Scott and Jay-Z, "TM:103" is on the verge of being Jeezy's biggest work.

Currently on the road, Jeezy says he prefers the intimate setting of large theaters over megavenues. It helps strengthen that connection he speaks of with his fans.

"[In] the 30,000-seaters, you have screens, the lights and all the production and so forth," he says. "It takes away from the feeling of it. I like to be up on the crowd."

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'I Am Bruce Lee'

MOVIE. The legacy of martial arts pioneer and Hollywood icon Bruce Lee is examined in this documentary directed by Pete McCormack ("Facing Ali"), which features rare insight into the actor's private life and tributes from celebrities, including boxer Manny Pacquiao and actor Mickey Rourke. **9 p.m., Spike TV**

'Slice of Brooklyn'

REALITY. Visit the best pizza joints in New York City with pie expert Tony Muia and his A Slice of Brooklyn Bus Tours company. But please — no licking the television. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Travel Channel**

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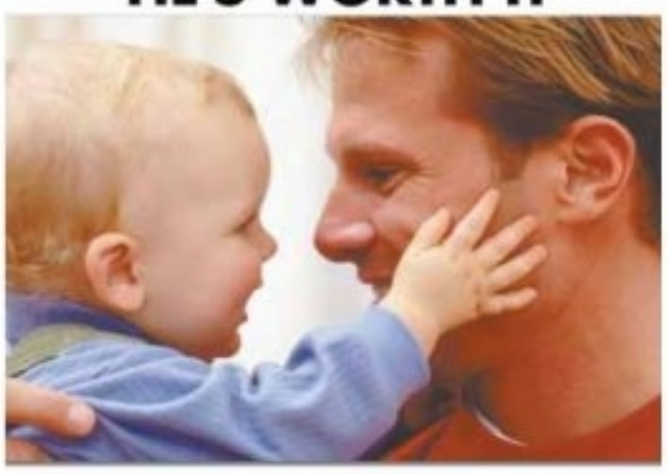
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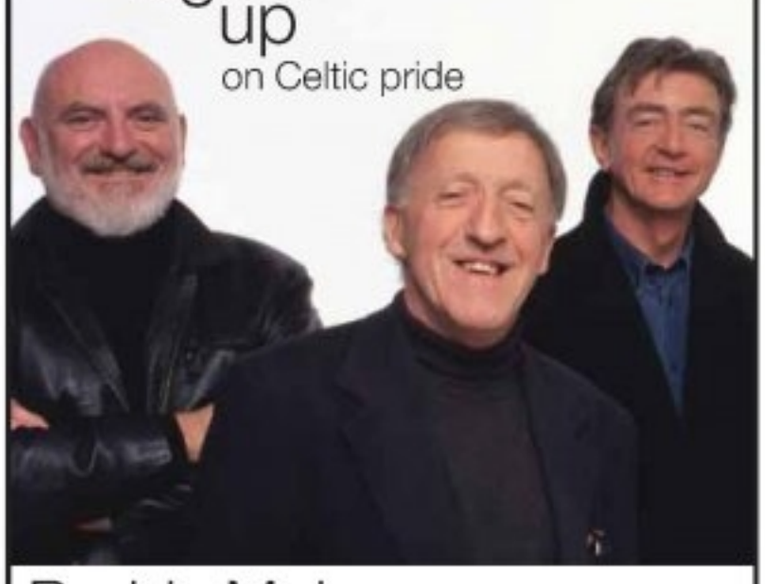
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'Mass Effect 3'
Console: PS3/360
Company: EA/Bioware
Grade: ●●●●◐

The humble space opera has faded from TV in recent years, leaving a "Battlestar"-sized hole in our collective hearts. Don't fill that void with Jar Jar Binks in 3-D. That's just humiliating. Play video games instead. "Mass Effect" is back, offering up one last slice of intergalactic swashbuckling before it goes up to that Holodeck in the sky.

These games, for the newbie, offer an engrossing serial narrative dealing with humanity's place in a, um, federation of planets. There's action, plenty of talking and decisions that have actual consequences. If a character died way back in the first entry, assuming you played it, they are still dead in the third. Pretty cool, right?

"Mass Effect 3" is a sequel in more of a cinematic sense. The gameplay is fairly indiscernible from "Mass Effect 2," except for some simple Kinect functionality on the Xbox version. If you liked the franchise's mix of planetary exploration, morality-based conversation and third-person combat before, you'll probably like it again.

Of course, this is 2012 and online multiplayer must be shoehorned into every video game no matter what. It's not bad, if you play these games primarily for the combat. You can even parlay online success into more allies and weapons in the single player campaign. Beware buying used, though. It comes with one of those "online passes" that must be registered for 10 bucks if you want to play online. In space, nobody can hear you grab for cash.

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▶ "Mass Effect 3" packs in the franchise's mix of planetary exploration, morality-based conversation and combat.

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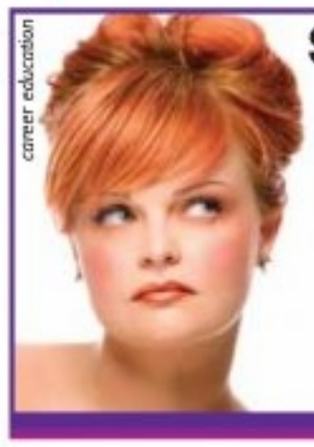
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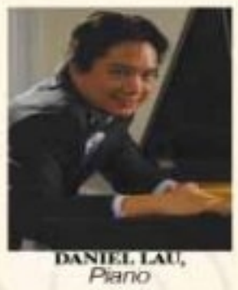

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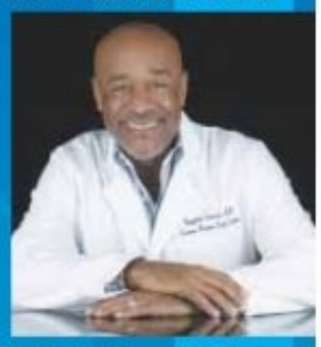
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Sleep tight with these tips

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As a physician who treats sleep apnea and snoring, Dr. David Volpi, head of New York's EOS Sleep center and co-author of "Wake Up! You're Snoring," knows the havoc insomnia wreaks.

"People who don't get quality sleep eventually get serious health problems," he warns. "Also, poor sleep decreases libido and energy levels. It causes mood swings and irritability, which are not good for healthy relationships."

Indeed, how much damage are we inadvertently doing to ourselves by not getting enough shut-eye? National Sleep Awareness Week, taking place this week, seeks to draw attention to the critical role rest plays in our health. Sleep allows the body to repair and reorder everything from mental to digestive functions, and a healthy lifestyle is impossible without a good quality sleep of seven to nine hours in a 24-hour cycle.

If you're having trouble sleeping, you might blame the world we live in. The most common cause of insomnia is overstimulation.

"Don't take your phone, BlackBerry or computer into the bedroom. No TV either," warns Dr. Volpi. The bright lights from the screen can keep you awake longer than you'd like. "A quiet, cool room with comfy bedding is best," he adds. "Things like yoga, meditation or biofeedback help, but if the problem persists a sleep psychologist might be needed."

Should you use a pill?

"I don't recommend pharmaceutical sleep aids," says Dr. Volpi. "Sometimes they're OK for a short-term fix, maybe for jetlag. But taken over months there are too many side effects and they can lead to a vicious cycle of dependancy." A natural remedy might be better: "Natural sleep remedies incorporate nonhabit-forming ingredients, which help the body regain its circadian rhythm and promote a normal sleep cycle," says Andrij Stefanyshyn, natural health consultant for Manhattan's City Drugs.

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We need protection from the right wing

Ohio's Republican Gov. John Kasich eventually agreed to accept federal disaster help for storm-battered citizens. What took so long, you ask? He was trying to score political points while people suffer, trying to salvage what's left of their lives. At the same time, Pat Robertson said the tornado victims themselves were to blame for not praying enough! We need some federal disaster relief to fight Republicans and religion!

ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

When gas prices and politics intersect

The real problem in this country is not even the high gas prices themselves (they're still lower than elsewhere in the world), but the very fact that too many people have no choice but to depend on driving and thus to be affected by those prices directly. For many decades, the government has been generously subsidizing the automobile and underfunding transit. The healthiest solution for gas prices is to reinvest in public transit.

AARON BERK, VIA E-MAIL

Sarah Palin's solution to the energy crisis was "Drill, baby, drill!" John McCain's solution to every diplomatic crisis seems to be "Bomb, baby, bomb!" I am so happy that we elected Obama!

GREGORY B. HOLMAN, VIA E-MAIL

Teachers attacking the nation's future

Teachers are failing our children! This has got to stop! I am so sick and tired of hearing about another teacher that has taken advantage of another child. We send our kids to school to learn, not to be molested or raped! How are the so-called children of the future supposed to be our future when they don't go to school to get an education but instead get taken out of class to be touched in a closet?

ASHLEY ALLARD, VIA E-MAIL

Letters leave much to be desired?

I read the Metro every day during my commute, and I am struck by how poor the letters are. I would be interested to know what process is used to vet them. Is the goal to publish the most ignorant letter each day? Or perhaps the most inflammatory one? While you may not be able to pay your contributors enough to ensure quality, surely the Metro receives five letters each day worthy of publishing. If not, you could fill the extra space with another Sudoku.

PAUL STARK, VIA E-MAIL

Support of Israel pays dividends

RE: "ISRAEL ASKS MUCH, TAKES EVEN MORE": To the Israel bashers: First, we get more in return for our aid than you think. Israel has fought and captured Russian weapons and sent them to us, helping put an end to the Cold War. Israeli intelligence is ours as well, and we will never know what attacks it has stopped cold. Preemptive strikes? We have done it ourselves — in Yemen, in Iraq (even if that was a mistake) and in Afghanistan. You can see what kind of enemies Israel has every day; look at what the Syrian regime does to its own people. So back off.

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It's to your benefit to be decisive and assertive pertaining to a critical matter. Don't be afraid to make a bold judgment call if you believe it would work.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Some kind of opportunity of considerable dimensions could develop for you. It has something to do with your finances and might be able to enhance your security.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If there are many players involved but they lack your managerial skills, assume a leadership role and take the reins whether or not you're asked to do so. The others will appreciate it.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you're in need of some assistance concerning a confidential matter, go to someone close whom you respect, such as a good friend or a family member. They'll do the most to help.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** As conditions start to change for the better, fresh hope will instill itself in your heart. A beloved friend might be instrumental in bringing this about.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Due to the fact that Lady Luck wants to divert your attention onto something that would be beneficial, it isn't likely that you'll be able to dismiss commercial matters from your agenda.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't waste your time and energies on pursuits of little or no opportunity. Go ahead and think in grandiose terms — just don't be afraid to put the things you conceive into action.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you have something of importance to do, you'll find that you will work far better if you don't have anyone peering over your shoulders. Seek solitude, not a cheering section.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Dame Fortune is likely to look favorably on partnership arrangements, so don't impatiently go off on your own simply because you are tired of waiting for others.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Coworkers might lack your industriousness, so don't allow them to distract you from gratifying your ambitions and fulfilling what you want to accomplish.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Just because they like you, certain people are apt to treat you in a far more generous fashion than they do others. Show your gratitude openly.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** This might be an especially good time to devote both your mental and physical energies to a huge critical matter that you've been afraid to tackle. Desirable results are indicated. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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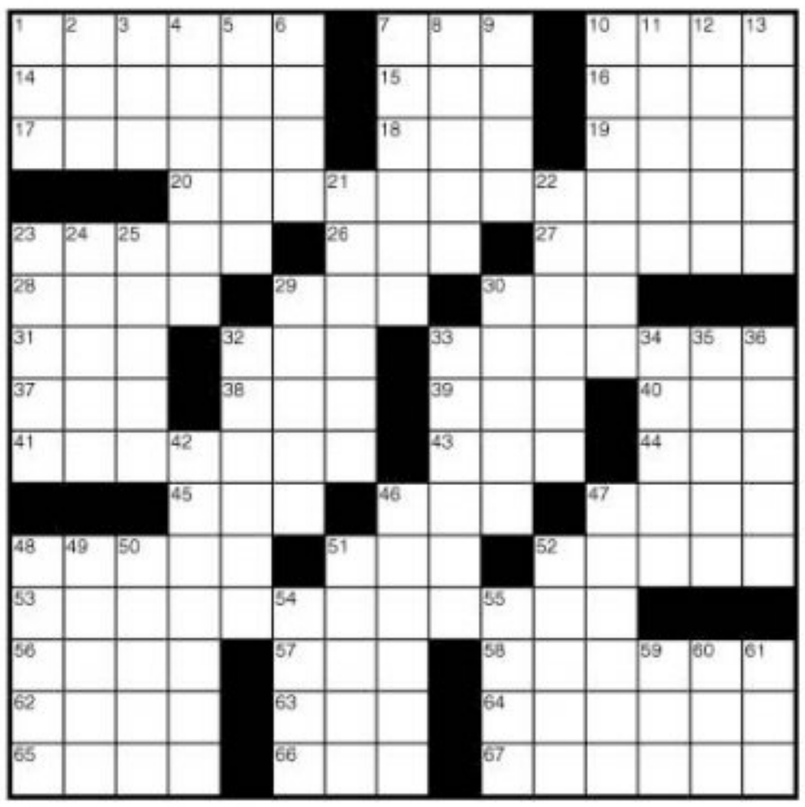

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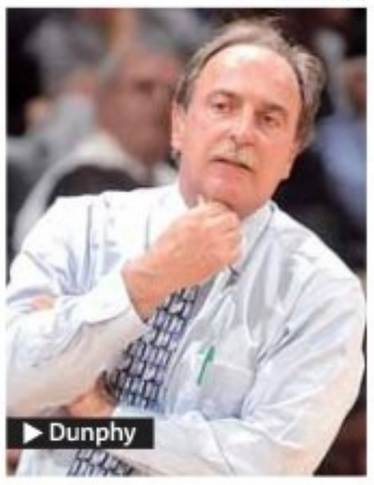
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La Salle, St. Joe's advance in the A-10

Saint Joseph's and La Salle need to run the table and win the A-10 tournament for any chance at an NCAA tournament berth. Both schools kept that dream alive last night with first-round victories.

No. 5 Saint Joseph's earned a 80-64 victory over Charlotte at Hagan Arena. Carl Jones led the way with 23 points. The Hawks (20-12) advance to face St. Bonaventure.

La Salle (21-11), the tourney's seventh seed, scored a 80-72 win over No. 10 Richmond and get Saint Louis in Friday's third quarterfinal.

Temple (24-6) is the No. 1 seed in the tournament — for the second time in the last four years — and received one of four first-round byes. Fran Dunphy was named A-10 Coach of the Year.

Penn's miracle run ends in Princeton

Penn's last-ditch effort at a miraculous Ivy League championship is over.

The Quakers (19-11) ran out of gas in a 62-52 defeat last night to Princeton. The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak and gave the Ancient Eight title to Harvard. If Penn had won, it would have forced a one-game playoff for the championship. Instead, Harvard earns its first NCAA tournament berth since 1946.

Senior point guard Zack Rosen paced Penn with 19 points, but the Quakers could not overcome a shaky start after trailing by as many as 17 points in the first half. Rosen also struggled with his shot at times, finishing just 8-for-24 from the field and Penn shot 37.5 percent as a team.

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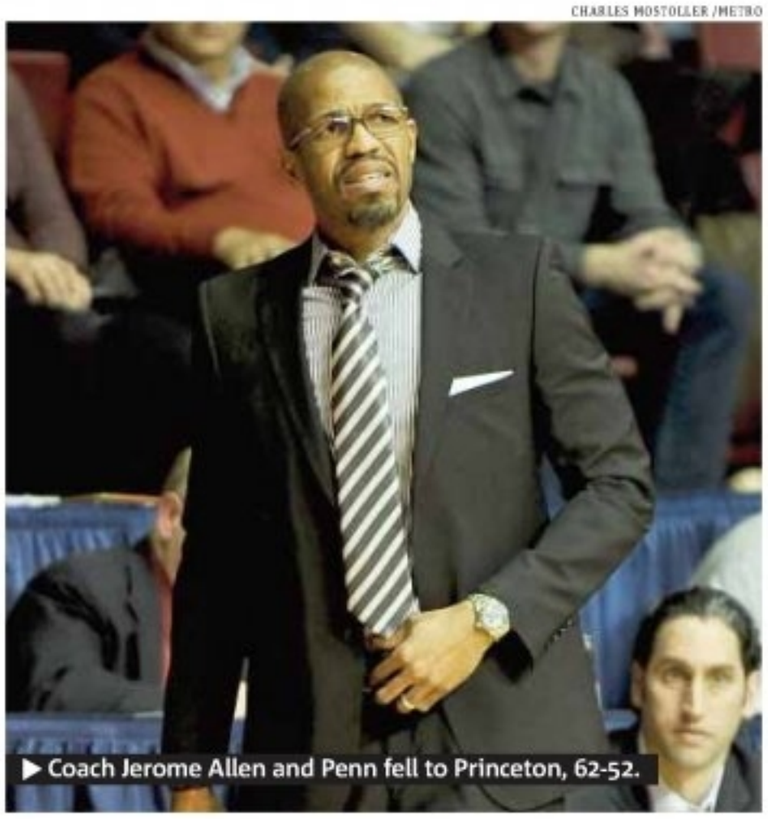
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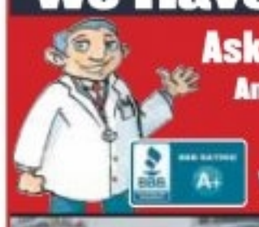

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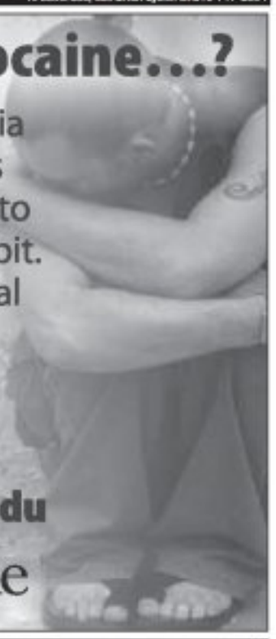

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Net gain: Flyers ink Ohio State prospect

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The 23-year-old goaltender went 13-11-5 for the Buckeyes this season, with a 2.45 goals-against average and .918 save percentage. Next season he will be wearing Orange and Black — some purple, too, with the AHL's Adirondack Phantoms.

At 6-foot-4, 195 pounds, he's a bit big to be a goalie, but so is his likely goaltending partner. Niko Hovinen is a 6-foot-7 Finnish prospect that is under contract and expected to report to the Phantoms next season.

"We got two big, young goalies who are both the same age," Flyers director of hockey operations Chris Pryor said. "It should be a good situation for both of them."

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▶ Heeter

In his 94-game career at Ohio State, Heeter went 39-36-11. The Buckeyes were ousted from the CCHA tournament last weekend by Notre Dame.

"He's a big athletic goalie and we're excited to have him," Pryor said. "Ross Fitzpatrick and Neil Little both saw him a lot this year and they really like him."

Heeter probably won't be the only college athlete the Flyers sign. Teams were allowed to start signing college players on March 1, but only if their seasons are over. For the Flyers, keep an eye on J.T. Brown, a winger for the University of Minnesota Duluth, who came to July's prospect camp on his own dime.

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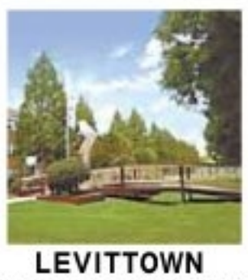

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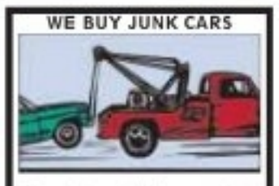

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Looking for a few ways to go green around the house? Check out the Green Your Home Fair this Saturday at the Kensington High School for the Creative and Performing Arts.

"The fair is for anybody, anywhere in the city, who wants to take their house and make it more sustainable — whether they're looking at the environmental issues or they want to save a couple of dollars," says Tom Potts of the New Kensington Community Development Corporation, the group hosting the fair.

An afternoon workshop led by Loretta Wallace will combine the eco-friendly and financial advantages of going green. Wallace is a neighborhood "green guide" for Sustainable 19125, New Kensington CDC's greening initiative in Fishtown, Port Richmond and East Kensington (all in zip code 19125). She'll be demonstrating how to mix up homemade, nontoxic cleaning products.

"You can use what you have in the house, and it costs 1/20 of the price you'd pay at the store. And you only need a few products for many different uses," Wallace says.

The trick is to include acids, like vinegar, or alkalines, like baking soda, to cut grease, break down dirt and absorb odors.

▶ The fair includes information for residents who want to make their homes more sustainable — and cost-effective.

"Of course, you can't spend your whole life making products and cleaning your home," says Wallace, who's been going green since she went to the first Earth Day event in Fairmount Park in 1970. "I just hope people come in with an open mind."

RACHEL VIGODA
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If you go

The fair is this Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kensington CAPA (1901 N. Front St.). Admission is free, and students from the high school will be on hand to give tours of the LEED Platinum building, which features geothermal heating, green roofs, a vegetable garden and insulation fashioned from old blue jeans.

DIY furniture polish

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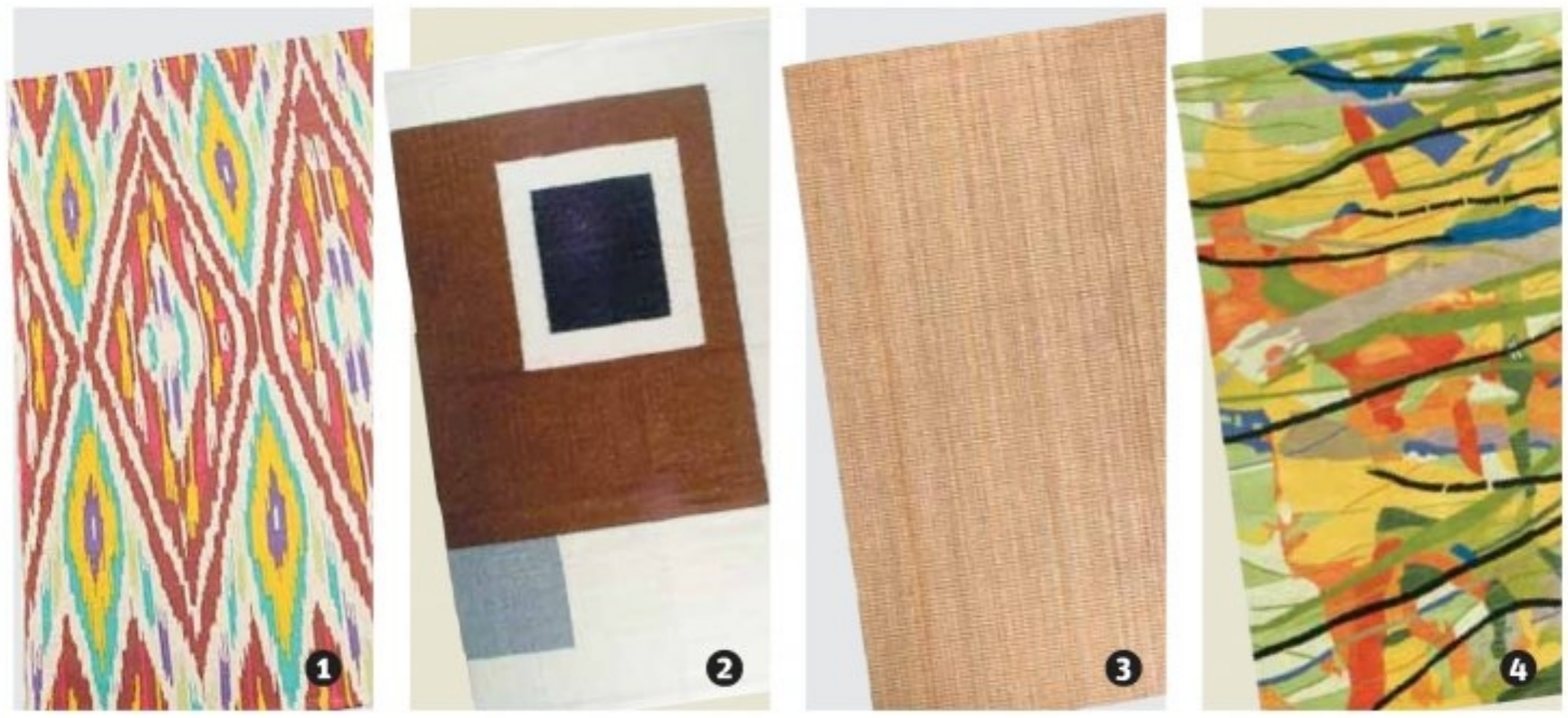

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